

12 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: American Bar Association Speech - 29 August

1. As you may have heard, a request came to your office, while you were on your most recent trip abroad, asking you to speak on August 29 at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting which is to be held in Washington. The subject generally is the role and mission of CIA. It was thought at that time that you were going to be away and since Bob Amory was also going to be away, the baton was passed from hand to hand until it was placed firmly in mine.

2. I mention all this because I noted in a recent message that you were not planning to leave until September. Since this is a large group and a rather distinguished one and since no final arrangements have been made in connection with my undertaking the assignment, it occurred to me that you might like to consider it. There is no doubt that the ABA would be far more pleased with you than with me.

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